

Opposition to cell tower in Wildfield continues

By ALAN LICZYK
Staff Reporter

Wildfield residents are continuing their opposition to the placement of a cell tower by Bell Mobility on a residential property in their hamlet.

Some residents brought their concerns to Caledon council recently.

Spokesperson Dan O'Reilly said they understand the Town's planning department and other agencies are still reviewing the Bell application and any decision council makes can be overruled by Industry Canada. He added, though, federal agencies do work closely with municipalities

and have a high regard for their input.

The residents want council to oppose the application because it doesn't meet the Town's own protocol for establishing telecommunications facilities.

O'Reilly pointed out a section of the document says: "proposals for new telecommunication facilities will have to be evaluated on a site-by-site basis to determine sensitivity."

"We can assure you this tower won't be sensitive to the adjacent homeowners or Wildfield as a whole," O'Reilly said. "It will dominate the landscape, stick out like a sore thumb and seriously impinge on the character and dignity of St. Patrick's Church, which at most, is only 1,200 feet away."

Bell Mobility originally proposed erecting the cell tower at the church, but now it wants to place it at 12061 The Gore Rd.

O'Reilly noted letters have been sent to Bell Mobility asking it to find another location that is not within 1,500 feet of St. Patrick's school, not at the church and not within Wildfield.

"There is no reason Bell couldn't consider installing cell towers in field away from residential areas," he said. "This should apply throughout Caledon and not just Wildfield, but Bell doesn't want to do that because of the additional power installation costs."

He urged the Town and the City of Brampton to conduct a joint comprehensive planning study of Wildfield.

Councillor Richard

Whitehead said it's important to go through the planning study for Wildfield and its impact areas.

"As a hamlet it's threatened unless we do something meaningful from a planning point of view," he said.

He agreed there's a need for a joint planning report

and said it's ridiculous to put a cell tower in Wildfield. He hopes when the report comes to council they'll be in opposition to the current application.

Planning director Mary Hall told council Bell Mobility must send a site plan to the Town. It's the Town's preference Bell co-

locates on to an existing tower.

O'Reilly said one day the public will wake up with all these cell towers around Caledon.

Council requested staff bring a report back on the possibility of a combined mini-community Wildfield study with Brampton.

Community cleanup this weekend

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The Caledon Chamber of Commerce, Town of Caledon and Tim Hortons will team up later this week for the third annual Community Cleanup Days.

Kelly Darnley, president and chief executive officer of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, and Brad Stafford, co-owner of Tim Hortons in Bolton, informed Caledon council last Tuesday that the cleanups will be held this Friday and Saturday, May 11-12.

Friday will be the corporate and business challenge. Businesses are encouraged to clean up their properties and any adjacent parkland.

Saturday will be the Community Cleanup Day. Families are encouraged to come out to Edelweiss Park in Bolton to clean up the litter in the surrounding area. Volunteers can register between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to get their cleanup assignment and equipment. The event officially kicks off at 10 a.m. with a message from council. Coffee, juice and Timbits will be served and the first 200 individuals to register will receive cleanup T-shirts

and gloves. A free appreciation barbecue will be held in the park from noon to 1 p.m.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison said Tim Hortons doesn't get enough recognition for what it does in the community.

Councillor Nick deBoer said the event has always

been a good success. He added they will also be cleaning up the Humber Valley Heritage Trail.

Councillor Annette Groves noted the Bolton Business Improvement Area and Kinsmen Club of Bolton also do annual cleanups to make the community more beautiful.

Community Living Month

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May was recently proclaimed Community Living Month by Caledon council at the request of Brampton Caledon Community Living.

BCCL has provided services to individuals with a developmental disability and their families in Caledon and Brampton since 1958 and provides services to more than 1,300 people.

Leanne Kearney, manager of human resources with BCCL, requested their flag be flown at the Town Hall in Caledon East any time in May.

Keith Dee, director of community services with BCCL, told council Project Lifesaver is finally off the ground. He added they will be having a fund-raiser May 25 at Caledon Country Club.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison applauded BCCL for being a partner in Project Lifesaver. She also thanked BCCL for its role in the Reach for the Rainbow program which she said has enhanced opportunity for children in Caledon.

Liberals hold local cleanup

"Let's stop talking about the environment and do something about it," said Neil Orford, president of the Dufferin-Caledon Federal Liberal Association. Dennis Adair, president of the Dufferin-Caledon Provincial Association, agreed.

May 5, 25 members of both associations joined forces to clean a stretch of Highway 10 beginning at Mistywood Drive and heading north toward Orangeville. Paul Flynn, a Director of both associations arranged for Dufferin-Caledon Liberals to become part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Skid Crease, the federal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon, and Betsy Hall, who is seeking the provincial nomination both joined in. "This was well worth the effort! It would be great to see all the other party candidates out here, too. It's a long highway and there's lot's of trash."

In fact, it turned out that plastic water bottles, which should have ended up in recycling bins, were the dominant item littering the roadsides. The clean-up crew wants to unanimously thank Pizza Hut in Orangeville for the wonderful lunch!



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